

Family Newsletter
St. Mark School
October 13, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 14: 6:30 First Penance Class for second grade
October 15 Mass at 10:00
October 18 Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) testing begins
October 20 Kindergarten to Pumpkin Farm
October 22 Mass at 10:00
October 27 Preschool to Pumpkin Farm

Auction Wish List Thank You!

First Grade: Scholastic teacher plan book, crayons, computer printer ink, ABC flip chart, craft sticks, sentence strips, bulletin board manuscript, mounting squares, apple notepad, mini hearts, dot to dot book, stickers, angel of light, small cross, three calendars, items for the prize box, ghost yard stand, and saucers for plants

Books: *A Is for Altar, B is for Bible, Children's Book of Classic Prayers, God Believes In You, Hail Mary, Our Father, Heart in the Pocket, Just Because, Parables of Jesus, St. Patrick's Day, and A Tree-A Prayer* Mrs. Leach used her money well and hopes the auction committee will do this again!

Second Grade: Base ten units, rods, flats and a cube to use when learning how to do double digit addition and subtraction with carrying and borrowing, multicultural markers, name plates, digital timers, breakaway lanyard for the God's Special child cross, Slingerland individual pocket charts, and for science later in the year ants, butterflies and plants

Third Grade: Gallon Measurement Set-resembles the real thing!, Time Tracker -visual timer and clock, Listen and Read -fluency practice pack, Reading First Activity Center-engaging, hands on activities to help students build fluency skills, Read Aloud books to enhance curriculum

Fourth Grade: large Venn diagram pocket chart, five writing skills posters, birthday poster, Europe geography puzzle, math games – *Presto Change-O, Count Down, Money Bags*, graphic organizer chart set, *Trait Based Writing* (lessons and activities), *Writing Fabulous Paragraphs, Washington Jeopardy, Literature Unit for Sign of the Beaver, Literature Unit – In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*

Fifth Grade: Writingcenter/27 mail slots, plant and animal cell models, timers (6), fraction rulers, classroom puzzles and books, mat operation poster set, large wooden rosary and illustrated rosary book

Sixth Grade: The money will be used to (underwrite) pay for the eighth grade students to attend the play *Romeo and Juliet* in March.

Seventh Grade: History DVD's – *The Crash of 1929*, *The Civilian Conservation Corps*, *National Parks America's Best Idea*, atom model for science

Eighth Grade: Angle rulers, tape measures, fraction circles, simple machines/manipulative set, renewable energy manipulative kit, Zillo – a million ways to play math

WOW! We can't thank you enough for all of these great new items for our classrooms!

Congratulations! Cyndi and Hieu Tran have a new baby girl, Madelyn, who was born the first week of school.

New Families: We have many new families in the school this year. Please take the time to welcome them into our school community. Just recently Maxwell Patneau and his parents Michelle and Dan joined us.

Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS): At Back to School Night I talked about this test. Grades three through eight will be taking the test next week. Please help your student by giving them plenty of rest and good food.

Back To School Night: If you missed last Thursday please be sure to contact your child's teacher and pick up any information you will need for the school year.

School Schedule: The school day begins at 8:45 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and at 7:50 on Tuesday morning. I have enclosed an article published in 2007 which talks about being late to school from the teacher's point of view. Learning to be on time is a great habit to teach your children.